

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 733  
By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mr. Byron Gallimore on his outstanding contributions to Tennessee music.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those remarkable individuals whose creative talents have had a profound impact on Tennessee's culture; and

WHEREAS, Byron Gallimore is one such estimable citizen who is most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 1998, Byron Gallimore will serve as the Grand Marshal for the "World's Biggest Fish Fry Grand Parade" in Paris, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a native of Henry County, Byron Gallimore is the son of the late Daron Gallimore and Virginia Gallimore; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Byron Gallimore has been involved in music; at an early age, he sang gospel music with his family and often competed in talent contests; and

WHEREAS, he received his bachelor's degree in engineering from Murray State University; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Byron returned home to work on the family farm in Puryear while continuing to pursue his musical dreams; and

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WHEREAS, he formed the Commonwealth Band and later founded the highly regarded country music group, Crossfire; and

WHEREAS, with the generous help of Don Ridgeway and Kay Smith of Capitol Records, Byron Gallimore received his first big break when he landed a publishing deal with the Dick James Music Company; and

WHEREAS, after Byron won the "Music City Song Festival" in 1980, he devoted his time and talents to his music on a full-time basis; and

WHEREAS, after three meritorious years with Dick James Publishing, Byron Gallimore accepted a job with Charlie Pride; and

WHEREAS, his first number-one song, "Every Heart Should have One", was recorded by Charlie Pride; and

WHEREAS, for the past nine years, Byron Gallimore has served with acumen and acuity as the President of Pride Music; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious musical career, Byron Gallimore has written numerous hit songs for several recording artists, including the number-one hit "Love Will" by the Forrester Sisters; and

WHEREAS, Byron, along with Don Ridgeway and Don Pfimmer, wrote Governor Ned McWherter's 1986 campaign jingle and song, "He Knows the Way, the Tennessee Way"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gallimore has also become an accomplished independent record producer, producing hit albums for such country artists as Faith Hill, Jo Dee Messina, Randy Travis, Ty Herndon and Melodie Crittenden; and

WHEREAS, Byron has produced four albums for country artist Tim McGraw, whose award winning duet, "It's Your Love", was a number-one hit; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Byron Gallimore is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his charming wife, Missi Callis Gallimore, his two

children, Eric Gallimore and Brad Gallimore, his sisters Kay Underwood and Carol Underwood and his brother, Weldon Gallimore; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to specially honor the outstanding achievements of this fine gentleman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Byron Gallimore on his remarkable accomplishments in the music industry, and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we congratulate Byron Gallimore on being the Grand Marshal for the 1998 "World's Biggest Fish Fry Grand Parade" in Paris.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.